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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 11 December 1958

FROM : Deputy for Language Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

## A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

## B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. Registration for the 1959 Winter Trimester of the VLTP, which begins on 7 January, is running far ahead of any previous trimester. We are assured of 56 classes in 15 different languages and it appears most likely that upwards of 60 classes will be conducted during the next trimester. Total student registration has reached 175 with another four weeks to go before classes begin. It is of course possible that Agency employees are finally responding to our efforts to have them register before the deadline, which is 15 December.

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2. This trimester, for the first time since the Voluntary Language Training Program began, we have asked ten to twelve prospective instructors (all recruited for the Winter Trimester) to sit in and observe seven of our VLTP classes. We chose one Arabic, one Chinese, two French, one German, one Russian and one Spanish class for observation because of the high quality of teaching being done by these seven instructors. We feel justified in stating that the present calibre of instruction, especially the adherence to suggested drill methods, proves the efficacy of our instructor training program, most especially the demonstrations and explanation of drill techniques given at the three-hour Saturday morning "Institute" inaugurated last September.

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3. The present Persian FT language class spent three days at [redacted] last week under the supervision of the instructor Mr. [redacted] of the School's Slavic department, was also present for part of the time as a guest.

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4. An Intermediate Italian RSW (PT) class started 1 December 1958 with four students. The instructor is [redacted] who is assisted by a native speaker, Mrs. [redacted]. The class is scheduled for ten weeks with a possible ten week extension.

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